

Tristate Veterans Community Alliance

December 6, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai,
Chairman The Honorable Michael O'Rielly,
Commissioner The Honorable Brendan Carr,
Commissioner The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

I am writing to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") and to oppose the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, MB Docket 05- 311.

Thanks to the wonderful staff, equipment and channels to showcase veteran services through Public Access we have made a significant different to our local military, veterans, and their families. I started the NKY Military-Veteran Coalition (NKY-MVC) as a program under the Tristate Veterans Community Alliance. We are a veteran led, independent non-profit and United Way partner. We work as a collaboration with over 250 veteran service leaders throughout the tristate, and nationally.

The NKY-MVC was created because of the severe lack of knowledge of services supporting military, veterans and their families in Northern Kentucky. To respond I started a program called Veterans In Bars Getting Bourbon where every month I produce a show broadcasted in Kenton (TBNK) and Campbell County (Media Central) Kentucky. This program aids in getting the word out on the different veteran services available to our heroes.

This medium has significantly increased the opportunity to reach those who are in need and provide them with previously unknow options. I strongly recommend continuing to allow these types of programs which are so valuable to the community.

Our local Public, Educational, and Governmental, (PEG) Access channels provide a wide range of local programming about our community, which is a valuable service to Northern Kentucky residents, community organizations, and viewers. Our local PEG TV studio at the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky, also provides access to a professional studio, editing and field equipment for local residents, schools, and

community organizations, who would not otherwise have access to such facilities, as well as much needed training and guidance.

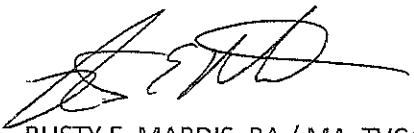
Local PEG programming includes coverage of high school and college football and basketball games, swimming and diving and other sports, as well as many community events. The PEG channels air numerous local government meetings every month, as well as Northern Kentucky election programs and results. The channels also broadcast local music and entertainment,

documentaries, and public affairs shows, as well as information about local community service organizations and agencies, and issues of interest to Northern Kentucky.

Promoting such diversity of views and information through local PEG programming was one of congress' specific stated intents of the Cable Act. The FCC's proposed FNPRM goes against this stated intent and would force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, which would cripple and very likely eliminate the PEG channels in most communities across the country, since most cities will not be able to afford the loss in fees. The loss of franchise fees would also eliminate the main source of operational funding for PEG channels in most communities. This has never been the way the law worked for decades and was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and urge the FCC to protect PEG channels and funding in our community and others by choosing not to adopt the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

Sincerely,



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